(iii) Non-Agricultural Co-operative Societies;

or the last ten years;

(*b*) what are the steps taken or roposed to be taken by the Department f Co-operation to arrest the alarming rowth of overdues?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT Mr. M. Venkatesa Iyengar).—

(*a*) A statement is furnished. *Vide* Appendix).

(*b*) All the action provided for by he law and practicable in the present ircumstances has been and is being aken.

Mr. M. A. GOPALASWAMI IYENAR.—What is the reason for the large ercentage of overdues?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—Economic depression, possibly.

Mr. M. A. GOPALASWAMI IYENAR.—Have any steps been taken to ind out the exact cause?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—No.

Mr. PRESIDENT.—I understand that he Apex Bank has made some investigation. If that is continued and a ecommendation is sent up to Governnent, it will be considered.

Coffee Curing Works at Chikmagalur.

Q.—58. Mr. C. R. NIRVANAPPA ETTY (Special Interests).—

Will the Government be pleased to tate:—

(*a*) whether the coffee planters ave applied to Government for inancial help for starting Coffee Curing Works at Chikmagalur;

(*b*) for how long has the matter een pending?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. Venkatanaranappa).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question has been under consideration for about one year.

Mr. C. R. NIRVANAPPA SETTY.—With reference to answer (*b*), was not a representation made more than one year ago?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Not to my knowledge. About the scheme for the establishment of coffee curing works, Government have requested the Deputy Commissioner to ascertain and report whether the scheme has the support of the coffee planters of Chikmagalur, how many shares they might be expected to take and to what extent they would give the necessary undertaking to send their coffee for curing.

Mr. C. R. NIRVANAPPA SETTY.—We sent the required information to the Deputy Commissioner about six months back. Will the question be taken up as soon as a report is received from the Deputy Commissioner?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Yes.

Loans to Coffee Planters.

Q.—59. Mr. C. R. NIRVANAPPA SETTY (Special Interests).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in the matter of distribution of the three lakhs of rupees sanctioned for the purpose of giving help to coffee planters, loans are to be granted on the security of property, crops, personal surety and other kinds of properties;

(*b*) out of the sanctioned amount, to whom have loans been granted and in what districts (details about the names to be kindly furnished);

(*c*) what is the monthly cost of the special establishment, if any, employed for this purpose;

(*d*) whether it has come to the notice of Government that West Coast firms and others are advancing money on the security of mere crops?

A.—The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. B. T. Kesava. iengar).—

(*a*) The loans are granted on the security of the land itself, the crop thereon and such further collateral security as may be considered necessary to ensure timely recovery of the loan.

(*b*) A statement furnishing the information is appended. (*Vide* Appendix.)

(*c*) Rs. 372.

(*d*) Yes.

Mr. C. R. NIRVANAPPA SETTY.—Seeing that only a sum of about Rs. 40,000 has been advanced as loans, is not the cost of the special establishment of Rs. 372 a month too high?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—But there is scope for the staff to issue loans up to Rs. 3 lakhs. Should they not investigate the cases?

Mr. Bagamane DEVA GOWDA.—Is it not a fact that ordinarily loans are sanctioned by Government in the months of April and May every year?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Yes.

Mr. Bagamane DEVA GOWDA.—Then, where is the need for a special staff all the year round?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—The special staff has been sanctioned only for six months. The question of continuing it or not will depend upon administrative convenience.

Adikarnataka Marriage Procession.

Q.—64. **Mr. R. CHANNIGARAMIAH** (Minorities).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Adikarnatakas of Siramalli Village, Nanjangud Taluk, Mysore District, applied for a licence to take a procession in the public roads of the said village;

(*b*) is it a fact they were refused?

A.—**The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. B. T. Kesavaiengar).**—

(*a*) One Bhoga, an Adikarnataka, applied for police help to prevent the *Uttamas* from interfering with a procession of the bridal pair on horseback in all the streets and for a licence therefor.

(*b*) Yes.

Mr. B. L. BYANNA.—With reference to answer (*b*), why was the licence refused?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—It is a judicial matter. If the party is not satisfied with the order of the District Magistrate, he may seek remedy in the higher court. This is not a matter that could be discussed here.

Vegetable Trade in Bangalore City Market.

Q.—67. **Mr. S. MUNIVENKATAPPA** (Minorities).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) are they aware of the difficulties felt by the people of the *Vanhikula Kshatriya* (*Tigalar*) community in regard to sale of vegetables, fruits, etc., in the Bangalore City Market;

(*b*) what are the rates of daily fees collected on baskets of vegetables, greens, etc., at the entrance to the market;

(*c*) whether any daily fee or ground rent is charged a second time on the wholesale stalls when it is already paid at the entrance on retail sales, after the vegetables, etc., are not sold wholesale, on account of the joint clique of the retail shop-keepers in the market; whether any time is fixed for the retail and wholesale sales in the wholesale stalls?

A.—**The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. B. T. Kesavaiengar).**—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) The schedule of rates is enclosed. (*Vide* Appendix).

(*c*) No daily fee or ground rent is levied a second time. Retail trade is also allowed in the wholesale yard. The wholesale yard is kept open from 5-30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Mr. S. MUNIVENKATAPPA.—There is a double levy of ground rent and tax under the present practice. Will Government issue orders to stop it?

The SECOND MEMBER (Rajamantrapravina N. Madhava Rau).—The member should represent the matter to the municipality.

Mr. S. MUNIVENKATAPPA.—I have represented the matter to them. But they have not taken notice of it. Will Government please enquire?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—We shall enquire.